Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

January 2016

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering January 10th to 16th, 2016, there were 563,400 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 7,500 from December 2015 and 5,200 more than the number employed in January 2015.

Agricultural employment was 38,600 persons in January 2016, down 2,000 from the December 2015 level and 200 less than the January 2015 agricultural employment level of 38,800. Non-agricultural employment was 524,800 persons in January 2016. This is a decrease of 5,500 from the December 2015 non-agriculture employment level of 530,300 and 5,400 more than January 2015.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for January 2016 was 6.1 percent. This is an increase of 1.0 percentage points from the December 2015 rate of 5.1 percent and 1.2 percentage points higher than the January 2015 level of 4.9 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 1,500 to 599,900 persons in January 2016 from 601,400 persons in December 2015. This is 13,100 more than the January 2015 labour force of 586,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 0.2 percentage points to 69.3 percent in January 2016 from 69.5 percent in December 2015. The January 2015 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 68.4 percent.

There were 36,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during January 2016. This is an increase of 6,000 from December 2015 and 8,000 more than the number unemployed in January 2015.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 573,300 persons employed in Saskatchewan in January 2016, down 1,800 from the December 2015 level of 575,100 and is up 6,400 from the January 2015 employment level of 566,900 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for January 2016 was 5.6 percent. This is an increase of 0.1 percentage points from the December 2015 rate of 5.5 percent and 1.1 percentage points higher than the January 2015 rate of 4.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 253,100 persons in January 2016 to 17,661,900 persons from 17,915,000 persons in December 2015. In January 2015, there were 17,540,000 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased by 0.8 percentage points in January 2016 to 7.5 percent from the December 2015 level of 6.7 percent. In January 2015, Canada's unemployment rate was 7 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 7.2 percent in January 2016. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than December 2015 and 0.6 percentage points higher than the January 2015 level of 6.6 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	19,102.7	19,206.2	18,852.6	-103.5	250.1
Employed ('000)	17,661.9	17,915.0	17,540.0	-253.1	121.9
Full-Time ('000)	14,167.5	14,394.0	13,994.8	-226.5	172.7
Part-Time ('000)	3,494.4	3,521.0	3,545.2	-26.6	-50.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,440.8	1,291.2	1,312.6	149.6	128.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	6.7	7.0	0.8	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.2	7.1	6.6	0.1	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	65.3	64.7	-0.4	0.2
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	599.9	601.4	586.8	-1.5	13.1
Employed ('000)	563.4	570.9	558.2	-7.5	5.2
Full-Time ('000)	455.8	468.0	453.5	-12.2	2.3
Part-Time ('000)	107.6	102.8	104.7	4.8	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	36.6	30.6	28.6	6.0	8.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	5.1	4.9	1.0	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	5.6	5.5	4.5	0.1	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	69.5	68.4	-0.2	0.9
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Labour Force ('000)	2,435.4	2,435.7	2,397.1	-0.3	38.3
Employed ('000)	2,248.0	2,271.6	2,286.1	-23.6	-38.1
Full-Time ('000)	1,825.4	1,854.5	1,901.5	-29.1	-76.1
Part-Time ('000)	422.6	417.1	384.6	5.5	38.0
Unemployed ('000)	187.5	164.1	111.0	23.4	76.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	6.7	4.6	1.0	3.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	7.4	7.0	4.6	0.4	2.8
Participation Rate (%)	72.0	72.1	72.1	-0.1	-0.1
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Labour Force ('000)	660.5	667.5	667.4	-7.0	-6.9
Employed ('000)	619.3	631.6	627.2	-12.3	-7.9
Full-Time ('000)	495.1	500.9	505.9	-5.8	-10.8
Part-Time ('000)	124.2	130.7	121.3	-6.5	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	41.1	36.0	40.2	5.1	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	5.4	6.0	0.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	5.9	6.0	0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	67.3	67.9	-0.8	-1.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	599.9	601.4	586.8	-1.5	13.1
Male	325.4	327.2	317.0	-1.8	8.4
Female	274.5	274.2	269.8	0.3	4.7
15-24 Years of Age	86.5	87.3	85.8	-0.8	0.7
25+ Years of age	513.5	514.2	501.0	-0.7	12.5
EMPLOYED ('000)	563.4	570.9	558.2	-7.5	5.2
Male	303.1	308.3	300.3	-5.2	2.8
Female	260.2	262.5	257.9	-2.3	2.3
15-24 Years of Age	77.4	80.0	78.1	-2.6	-0.7
25+ Years of age	486.0	490.8	480.1	-4.8	5.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	36.6	30.6	28.6	6.0	8.0
Male	22.3	18.8	16.7	3.5	5.6
Female	14.3	11.7	11.9	2.6	2.4
15-24 Years of Age	9.1	7.2	7.0	1.9	2.1
25+ Years of age	27.5	23.3	20.3	4.2	7.2
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.1	5.1	4.9	1.0	1.2
Male	6.9	5.7	5.3	1.2	1.6
Female	5.2	4.3	4.4	0.9	0.8
15-24 Years of Age	10.5	8.2	9.0	2.3	1.5
25+ Years of age	5.4	4.5	4.2	0.9	1.2
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	69.3	69.5	68.4	-0.2	0.9
Male	74.6	75.0	73.4	-0.4	1.2
Female	64.0	63.9	63.4	0.1	0.6
15-24 Years of Age	63.9	64.3	62.3	-0.4	1.6
25+ Years of age	70.4	70.5	69.6	-0.1	0.8

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	38.6	40.6	38.8	-2.0	-0.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	26.2	26.5	28.1	-0.3	-1.9
Utilities	6.5	6.4	6.4	0.1	0.1
Construction	50.4	53.7	52.6	-3.3	-2.2
Manufacturing	26.0	26.2	26.0	-0.2	0.0
Trade	85.5	87.1	82.1	-1.6	3.4
Transportation and Warehousing	27.7	30.0	28.0	-2.3	-0.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	30.7	30.9	30.7	-0.2	0.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	25.9	26.3	23.6	-0.4	2.3
Business, Building and Other Support Services	13.2	13.6	13.6	-0.4	-0.4
Educational Services	42.6	43.0	47.3	-0.4	-4.7
Health Care and Social Assistance	78.8	78.1	73.8	0.7	5.0
Information, Culture and Recreation	20.6	19.8	15.6	0.8	5.0
Accommodation and Food Services	38.0	38.0	36.1	0.0	1.9
Other Services	25.0	24.0	24.9	1.0	0.1
Public Administration	27.7	26.6	30.3	1.1	-2.6
Total	563.4	570.9	558.2	-7.5	5.2
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	455.8	468.0	453.5	-12.2	2.3
Part-Time	107.6	102.8	104.7	4.8	2.9
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	455.9	464.9	451.7	-9.0	4.2
Public Sector	137.4	138.2	140.5	-0.8	-3.1
Private Sector	318.4	326.8	311.1	-8.4	7.3
Self-Employed	107.5	105.9	106.5	1.6	1.0

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,661.9	17,915.0	17,540.0	-253.1	121.9
Newfoundland & Labrador	217.9	228.9	225.3	-11.0	-7.4
Prince Edward Island	67.8	69.7	69.4	-1.9	-1.6
Nova Scotia	428.5	442.3	435.6	-13.8	-7.1
New Brunswick	336.6	346.8	339.9	-10.2	-3.3
Quebec	4,010.1	4,076.2	3,976.9	-66.1	33.2
Ontario	6,868.0	6,947.4	6,767.7	-79.4	100.3
Manitoba	619.3	631.6	627.2	-12.3	-7.9
Saskatchewan	563.4	570.9	558.2	-7.5	5.2
Alberta	2,248.0	2,271.6	2,286.1	-23.6	-38.1
British Columbia	2,302.4	2,329.6	2,253.6	-27.2	48.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.5	6.7	7.0	0.8	0.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	16.8	14.2	13.5	2.6	3.3
Prince Edward Island	12.5	11.1	13.2	1.4	-0.7
Nova Scotia	9.6	8.2	9.4	1.4	0.2
New Brunswick	10.7	8.4	11.5	2.3	-0.8
Quebec	8.3	7.6	8.1	0.7	0.2
Ontario	6.8	6.1	6.9	0.7	-0.1
Manitoba	6.2	5.4	6.0	0.8	0.2
Saskatchewan	6.1	5.1	4.9	1.0	1.2
Alberta	7.7	6.7	4.6	1.0	3.1
British Columbia	6.9	6.2	6.0	0.7	0.9

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,005.2	18,009.6	17,879.7	-4.4	125.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	230.4	232.8	237.8	-2.4	-7.4
Prince Edward Island	72.4	72.9	74.0	-0.5	-1.6
Nova Scotia	443.5	445.8	450.5	-2.3	-7.0
New Brunswick	351.7	352.8	354.1	-1.1	-2.4
Quebec	4,106.4	4,109.4	4,075.9	-3.0	30.5
Ontario	6,985.9	6,965.7	6,885.7	20.2	100.2
Manitoba	628.7	634.0	635.3	-5.3	-6.6
Saskatchewan	573.3	575.1	566.9	-1.8	6.4
Alberta	2,276.1	2,285.6	2,311.1	-9.5	-35.0
British Columbia	2,336.9	2,335.5	2,288.3	1.4	48.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	7.2	7.1	6.6	0.1	0.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.4	14.4	11.5	0.0	2.9
Prince Edward Island	9.5	9.7	10.3	-0.2	-0.8
Nova Scotia	8.5	8.6	8.4	-0.1	0.1
New Brunswick	9.3	8.9	10.1	0.4	-0.8
Quebec	7.6	7.8	7.4	-0.2	0.2
Ontario	6.7	6.7	6.8	0.0	-0.1
Manitoba	6.1	5.9	6.0	0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.5	4.5	0.1	1.1
Alberta	7.4	7.0	4.6	0.4	2.8
British Columbia	6.6	6.7	5.6	-0.1	1.0

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	6.7	5.9	5.7	0.8	1.0
Halifax	6.5	5.8	6.1	0.7	0.4
Saint John	7.8	6.7	8.4	1.1	-0.6
Quebec	5.0	4.3	5.2	0.7	-0.2
Montreal	8.3	8.2	7.6	0.1	0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.1	5.7	6.6	0.4	-0.5
Toronto	6.6	6.5	7.1	0.1	-0.5
Greater Sudbury	8.3	7.5	5.4	0.8	2.9
Winnipeg	6.0	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.3
Regina	4.2	3.8	3.9	0.4	0.3
Saskatoon	6.1	6.1	4.5	0.0	1.6
Calgary	7.5	6.7	4.4	0.8	3.1
Edmonton	6.2	5.8	4.4	0.4	1.8
Vancouver	5.4	5.4	5.6	0.0	-0.2
Victoria	5.9	5.9	4.8	0.0	1.1
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	185.4	186.6	181.2	-1.2	4.2
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.5	52.2	53.0	0.3	-0.5
Saskatoon-Biggar	196.6	199.6	196.9	-3.0	-0.3
Yorkton-Melville	35.9	37.6	38.7	-1.7	-2.8
Prince Albert & Northern	100.2	100.1	97.1	0.1	3.1

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	January 2016	December 2015	January 2015	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	604.2	607.3	589.5	-3.1	14.7
Employed ('000)	571.8	577.2	566.9	-5.4	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	32.3	30.1	22.6	2.2	9.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.0	3.8	0.4	1.6
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	70.2	68.8	-0.4	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.8	66.1	-0.7	0.0
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	554.3	558.1	541.6	-3.8	12.7
Employed ('000)	528.1	533.9	523.0	-5.8	5.1
Unemployed ('000)	26.2	24.2	18.6	2.0	7.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.3	3.4	0.4	1.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	71.0	69.4	-0.5	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.1	67.9	67.0	-0.8	0.1
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	49.9	49.2	47.9	0.7	2.0
Employed ('000)	43.8	43.3	43.9	0.5	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	6.1	5.9	4.1	0.2	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.3	12.0	8.5	0.3	3.8
Participation Rate (%)	63.7	63.1	62.6	0.6	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	55.9	55.5	57.3	0.4	-1.4
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Labour Force ('000)	18.4	18.1	18.4	0.3	0.0
Employed ('000)	14.8	14.5	15.8	0.3	-1.0
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	3.6	2.6	0.0	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.6	19.9	14.2	-0.3	5.4
Participation Rate (%)	55.5	54.9	57.1	0.6	-1.6
Employment Rate (%)	44.6	44.0	49.0	0.6	-4.4
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Labour Force ('000)	30.8	30.5	29.5	0.3	1.3
Employed ('000)	28.3	28.1	28.0	0.2	0.3
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.3	1.4	0.2	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	7.7	4.9	0.5	3.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	69.2	66.9	0.9	3.2
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	63.9	63.6	0.5	0.8

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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